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Space Administration

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Honorable William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

On behalf of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, I cordially invite you and your spouse to attend the fourth launch of the Space Shuttle Columbia on Sunday, June 27, at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

This is the final orbital test flight before the Shuttle begins operational missions in November 1982. During the seven-day mission, the crew, Commander Thomas K. Mattingly and Pilot Henry W. Hartsfield, will verify the Shuttle's hardware and software systems and monitor several scientific experiments.

In the course of the flight a pharmaceutical processing device that may be the forerunner of a space factory will be operating in the Shuttle for the first time. The device is designed to manufacture pharmaceuticals of marketable purity in space through a process known as continuous-flow electrophoresis. The experiment is a joint endeavor of NASA and the McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company, together with the Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceutical Company.

The Shuttle will also carry into space its first Department of Defense payload and its first "Get-Away Special," which is a self-contained payload consisting of nine scientific experiments designed chiefly by college students.

We hope that you will be able to join us on a flight from Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., to the Kennedy Space Center on June 27, departing at approximately 6:30 a.m. Guests are asked to be at the terminal no later than 5:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served en route. At KSC, guests will attend a prelaunch mission briefing. Launch is planned at about 11:00 a.m. We expect to return to Andrews about 2:30 p.m.

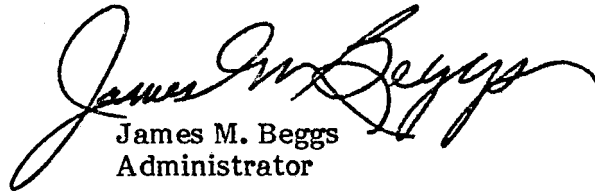
Please call the NASA Guest Services Desk at 202/755-0273 no later than Friday, June 11, and tell us whether you are able to attend. Substitutions are discouraged. If they are suggested, they will be "wait-listed" until approximately 24 hours before departure, and notified if space is available.

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Because the Space Transportation System is still in its testing phase, contingencies could force a change in the launch date. Should that happen, we will notify you.

I hope to see you and your spouse at the launch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James M. Beggs". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

James M. Beggs  
Administrator